

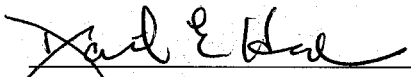


**Anti-Viral Prophylaxis  
Target Product Profile Guidelines**

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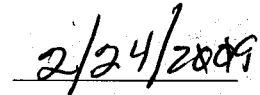
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## Part I: Purpose and background

One of the primary program product goals of the Transformational Medical Technologies Initiative (TMTI) is stated as follows:

Two (or more) broad-spectrum countermeasures. One product will apply to viruses (especially hemorrhagic fever viruses). The second product will be active against intracellular bacterial pathogens. Additional products will be developed depending on funding. Each will act against the agents by affecting critical molecular pathways essential to the success of the agent or its effect on the host. The goal is to have at least two investigational new drug (IND) candidates developed within five years that can be used against multiple viruses and bacteria under Emergency Use Authorization (EUA), however, licensure is the ultimate goal and will be pursued throughout the program against multiple viruses and bacteria<sup>1</sup>.

To assist in the articulation of TMTI product requirements, and in the evaluation of specific drug candidates, Target Product Profiles (TPPs) are being developed. The stakeholders for TPPs for pharmacologic countermeasures include:

- TMTI Program Management Office
- Joint Requirements Office-Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Defense (JRO-CBRN)
- TMTI Performers

TPP/Stakeholders	TPP/Function
TMTI Program Management Office (PMO)	Each TPP sets product development strategies for each anti-viral prophylaxis
Joint Requirements Office-Chemical Biological Defense (JRO-CBRN)	Each TPP serves as a basis for communication of expected product characteristics to the warfighter requirements community
TMTI Performers	Each TPP establishes expected characteristics (requirements) for each anti-viral prophylaxis

Additional TMTI stakeholders include the Office of Secretary of Defense Special Assistant for Chemical and Biological Defense and Chemical Demilitarization Programs (SA (CBD&CDP)) and the TMTI Executive Office (EO).

The EO is composed of the following organizations:

- Joint Program Executive Office for Chemical Biological Defense (JPEO CBD)
- Joint Science & Technology Office (JSTO) and Defense Threat Reduction Agency's Chemical & Biological Defense Directorate
- TMTI Program Office

TPPs will be referenced when setting evaluation criteria for solicitations and in candidate project selection, highlighting project(s) that demonstrate product attributes desired by

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<sup>1</sup> Medical Biodefense Research, Development, Test & Evaluation Plan, approved December 27, 2006

TMTI. Finally, the TPPs will be considered when making “go/no-go” decisions at standard TRL decision points.

Since each TPP may be applied to several countermeasure projects, it is not intended to be the package insert or labeling for a specific drug; however, the TPP is only a guideline. Drug labeling will later be developed for specific products for use in discussion with the FDA, once supporting preclinical data has been generated.

The TMTI program was given broad guidance through the current Initial Capabilities Documents (ICDs) to develop broad-spectrum medical therapeutics to mitigate the negative operational impact of a biological attack. The prophylaxis must be safe and effective, easy to use, and cause minimal side-effects. The prophylaxis must minimize the logistical burden through:

- Infrequent dosing;
- Ease of administration;
- Minimal post-administration monitoring requirements e.g, therapeutic drug levels, frequent laboratory based toxicity screens;
- Long shelf life;
- Resistance to harsh environmental conditions, e.g. extreme temperatures;

## **Part II: Criteria targets for anti-viral prophylaxis**

This Target Product Profile guideline describes drug candidates or passive immune products to be used as prophylaxis to prevent disease due to viral pathogens. This Target Product Profile does not pertain to vaccine development. The prophylaxis candidates will be used to prophylax patients who have been exposed to the pathogen, and are *asymptomatic*.

### ***Efficacy***

<b>Criterion</b>	<b>Objective</b>	<b>Threshold</b>
<b>% Protected</b>	100% disease prevention in pivotal animal model studies with 100% attack rate among controls	A statistically and clinically significant increase in survival over untreated controls in pivotal animal model studies

The objective of 100% disease prevention is desirable in non-human primates and other animals exposed to biological agents and treated with various regimens.

A threshold defined as statistical non-inferiority to the current standard of care is confounded by the possibilities that the genetically modified organism may be resistant to the current standard of care. In many of the BioWarfare-related diseases the efficacy of the current standard of care is either not well defined or non-existent.

### *Safety*

Criterion	Objective	Threshold
Side effect profile	No serious adverse effects	Safety data acceptable to the FDA

The preferred level of safety for prophylaxis is no serious adverse effects. However, the threshold is met when safety findings are acceptable to the FDA.

### *Dosage*

Criterion	Objective	Threshold
Duration of prophylaxis	During exposure and for seven days after last exposure	During exposure and for 30 days after last exposure
Frequency of therapy	Once every six weeks	Twice daily
Route of administration	Oral or topical, fast disintegrating (no water needed)	Intramuscular injection
Time needed for efficacious prophylaxis	Efficacious (disease prevented) when administered post-exposure	Efficacious (disease prevented) when administered pre-exposure

### *Rationale*

**Duration:** Modeled from post-exposure prophylaxis for endemic or emerging viral diseases, as medical countermeasures to viral biowarfare threats are limited.

- Objective: avian influenza (oseltamavir)
- Threshold: HIV postexposure prophylaxis).

**Frequency:** Modeled from post-exposure prophylaxis for endemic or emerging viral diseases, as medical countermeasures to viral biowarfare threats are limited.

- Objective: hepatitis A (immune serum globulin)
- Threshold: HIV postexposure prophylaxis).

### **Route of administration:**

- Objective: modeled from influenza (oseltamavir);
- Threshold modeled from hepatitis A, rabies (immune serum globulin, rabies immune globulin).

**Time needed for efficacious prophylaxis:** Defined as the latest time point within the pre-symptomatic state at which disease prevention is expected upon administration of prophylaxis. Threshold and objective values are derived from immune globulin prophylaxis regimens for endemic diseases (e.g. Hepatitis A, varicella).

Dosage, formulation, and route of administration are critical elements when generating medical products for the warfighter. The operational requirements of the warfighter to

remain active and in the field, dictate the need to carry as little bulk as possible. Also, by aggressively targeting dosage thresholds that minimize the logistical burden (e.g., avoiding the need to carry excessive water, numerous treatment courses, or an IV into the field), the developed drug is more likely to meet the warfighter requirements documented by the Joint Requirements Office (JRO) in the relevant ICD.

### ***Patient Population***

<b>Criterion</b>	<b>Objective</b>	<b>Threshold</b>
<b>Age</b>	All DoD beneficiaries	18-65
<b>Teratogenicity</b>	Category B	Category D

The category of “All DoD beneficiaries” includes juveniles, the geriatric population and the immunocompromised population. While this would be the objective for developing a drug due to potential off-label uses, the Department of Defense (DoD) is funding development of a drug for the warfighter, the population indicated in the threshold value.

The objectives and thresholds for teratogenicity are derived from the ratings from post-exposure of medications recommended by the U.S. Public Health Service for post-exposure prophylaxis for viral diseases such as influenza. HIV, hepatitis B, etc.

The FDA provides teratogenicity ratings for all licensed medications.

Category A refers to:

- Adequate and well-controlled studies have failed to demonstrate a risk to the fetus in the first trimester of pregnancy (and there is no evidence of risk in later trimesters).

Category B refers to:

- Animal reproduction studies have failed to demonstrate a risk to the fetus and there are no adequate and well-controlled studies in pregnant women.

Category C refers to:

- Animal reproduction studies have shown an adverse effect on the fetus and there are no adequate and well controlled studies in humans, but potential benefits may warrant use of the drug in pregnant women despite potential risks.

Category D refers to:

- Positive evidence of human fetal risk based on adverse reaction data from investigational or marketing experience or studies in humans, but potential benefits may warrant use of the drug in pregnant women despite potential risks.



### ***Manufacturing***

<b>Criterion</b>	<b>Objective</b>	<b>Threshold</b>
<b>Time to scale</b>	1 month/150,000 treatment courses	1 year/150,000 treatment courses
<b>Stability: Shelf life at time of licensure</b>	5 years	2 years
<b>Storage</b>	No cold chain	Cold chain

Storage preferences are not recorded as targets, but include the following considerations: minimized bulk, ease of dispensing, and temperature insensitivity.

These values assume that several trade-offs will occur determining the final objective and threshold values for manufacturing. These trade-offs include scalability, time to scale, stability (to determine the amount that can be stockpiled), efficacy, dosing (to determine the number of doses needed per patient) and cost of production (directly correlated with the stated amount DoD will pay).

### **Part III: Recommendations for TPP usage in portfolio management and downselection**

The TPP guideline establishes expected characteristics (requirements) for each relevant drug candidate; while Integrated Medical Technology Readiness Levels (TRLs) are used to measure progression towards those requirements within TMTI-defined phases of drug development. During each Milestone Decision Review, a product candidate will be measured against the TRLs. Though a candidate may have successfully achieved a required TRL, insufficient progress towards meeting TPP objectives, could still result in a negative Milestone Decision.

In the clinical stages, actual data will be used to compare against the objective and threshold values for the TPP. Candidates that do not meet threshold values may be prohibited from advancing to the next milestone.